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SUBJECT: UNESCO CONFERENCE RE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON
DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE: "RACISM,
ZIONISM" EQUATION AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
ISSUES

REF: PARIS 08239, PARIS 8564

SUMMARY: WHILE US NOT PARTICIPATING IN SUBJECT CON-
FERENCE, DEPARTMENT IS ALERTED TO THE STRONG POSSI-
BILITY THAT ISSUES OF THE ALLEGED "RACISM,ZIONISM"
EQUATION AND EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL RIGHTS OF POPULATIONS
IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES MAY BE RAISED. SOVIETS
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INTEND TO AMEND PREAMBULAR PARA OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

CITING, INTER ALIA, "RACISM, ZIONISM" AS A MENACE TO CULTURAL PROGRESS AND PROVOKING HATRED AMONG PEOPLES. PLO WILL SEND THREE-MAN OBSERVER DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE. RE DECLARATION AS A WHOLE, SWEDES INTEND TO INTRODUCE FUNDAMENTALLY REVISED VERSION OF CURRENT DRAFT TEXT. END SUMMARY.

1. ALREADY HIGHLY POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING UNESCO APRIL 5 - 14 MEETING OF A "SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO PREPARE A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE AT LARGE HAVE FREE DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE AND PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE CULTURAL LIFE OF SOCIETY" (CATEGORY II) VERY POSSIBLY WILL BE SHARPENED BY INTRODUCTION OF THE "RACISM, ZIONISM" EQUATION AND ISSUE OF EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. RUMORS TO THIS EFFECT WERE RELATED AT MARCH 31 MEETING OF THE NEWLY FORMED "INFORMATION GROUP," COMPRISING US-WEO'S, FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON UNESCO ISSUES (SEE SEPTEL REPORT). DEPUTY PERMREP ADVISED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY SECRETARIAT SOURCE THAT SOVIET COMMENTS ON DRAFT TEXT TO GO BEFORE THE APRIL 5 - 14 MEETING INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO PREAMBULAR PARA 17, ROUGHLY TRANSLATED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: CONSIDERING THAT CULTURAL PARTICIPATION IS MANIFEST AS AN AFFIRMATION OF THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AS WELL AS THE MATERIALIZATION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF MAN, SUCH AS THESE ARE PROCLAIMED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THAT THE INVIOABILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS CULTURAL PROGRESS ARE MENACED BY POLICIES OF AGGRESSION, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, FACISM, RACISM, ZIONISM AND APARTHEID, BY THE UTILIZATION OF INFORMATION MEDIA TO PROPAGATE WARLIKE IDEAS, HOSTILITY AND HATRED BETWEEN PEOPLES AND BY OTHER ACTIONS PREJUDICIAL TO THE SELF-REALIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS AND POPULATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW HAS VIGOROUSLY INTERVENED
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WITH SOVIETS TO OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW THIS TEXT. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF SOVIETS HAVE ACQUIESCED TO DG'S REQUEST CONVEYED BY UNESCO DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, POUCHPA DASS (INDIAN). SHOULD SOVIETS PERSIST, ARABS WILL NOT EVEN HAVE TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE "RACISM, ZIONISM" ISSUE AND WILL HAVE A READY-MADE ENTREE FOR BRINGING ISSUE INTO MEETING'S DELIBERATIONS.

3. THERE ARE NO HARD INDICATIONS THAT OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SPECIFIC QUESTION OF ARAB POPULATION'S ENJOYMENT OF CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS THEREIN, WILL BE RAISED. HOWEVER, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS ISSUE COMES UP AT THE NEXT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD IN LINE WITH UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RES. 13.1, AND COULD BE "JUSTIFIED" FOR CONSIDERATION ON GROUNDS THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN BEFORE UNESCO FOR SOME TIME AS WELL AS BEING WITHIN THE LEGITIMATE MANDATE OF UNESCO. FURTHER, THERE ARE THE PARTICULARLY

UNPROFITIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OF RIOTING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT PLO WILL BE SENDING THREE-MAN OBSERVER DELEGATION TO MEETING.

5. SWEDES ADVISED ONLY MARCH 31 THAT THEY HAVE PREPARED A DRAFT, WHICH NOT YET AVAILABLE TO SWEDISH PERMDEL AT UNESCO, BUT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO US AND OTHER FRIENDLY PERMDELS UPON RECEIPT FROM STOCKHOLM. IN ESSENCE, SWEDISH DRAFT REPRESENTS ALTERNATIVE TO CURRENT DRAFT RECOMMENDATION AND FOCUSES ON ENHANCING FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AS BEST MEANS TO ENSURE BETTER PUBLIC ACCESS TO CULTURE, ACCORDING TO SWEDISH DEPUTY PERMREP. PERMDEL WILL RELAY TEXT, UPON RECEIPT, TO DEPARTMENT.

6. COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, US NOT PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING. SOVIET AMENDMENT CITED ABOVE STRIKES PERMDEL AS PROOF OF THE HOLLOWNESS OF REPEATED SOVIET EXPRESSIONS OF THEIR INTEREST IN BUILDING BETTER
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"MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" WITH US AT UNESCO. DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO REFTEL WHICH REPORTED DEMARCHES BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO ON MARCH 16. RATHER IN JUDGMENT PERMDEL, SOVIET EFFORT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF CALCULATED ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE AT UNESCO AND USING ORGANIZATIONS TO ACHIEVE BROADER POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. ASSUMING USE OF WORD "ZIONISM" NO ACCIDENT IT CAN BE SAID TO BE A VEHICLE TO GAIN ADDITIONAL PRESTIGE WITH ARABS AT SENSITIVE TIME OF MID EAST RELATIONS. ALSO, IT CAN BE SEEN AS A SOVIET EFFORT TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO US WITHDRAWAL FROM UNESCO, LEAVING THE FIELD FREE TO THE USSR, SINCE IT IS QUITE CERTAIN THEY ARE NOW FULLY AWARE OF STRONG US SENSITIVITIES THIS ISSUE AND LIKELY ANTI-UNESCO DOMESTIC US REACTION.

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